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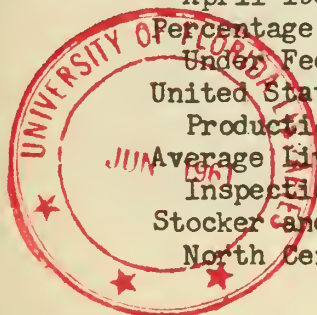
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MIDWEST LIVESTOCK REVIEW

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RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 75¢ lower at most midwest markets. However, the majority of sales at Chicago were 50¢-\$1.00 lower, and high-Choice and Prime steers as well as all grades weighing over 1350# declined \$1.00-1.50. Slaughter cows were generally steady to 50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder cattle sold steady to 50¢ lower, calves mostly steady. Trends were 25-75¢ higher on barrows and gilts at most terminals, with sales strong to 25¢ higher at St. Paul and in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota direct selling area. Slaughter lamb prices were uneven. Old crop offerings declined late to close steady to 50¢ lower for the week at most points. Spring lambs were generally steady to 50¢ higher.

SLAUGHTER CATTLE AND CALVES - Slaughter steers and heifers continued to follow the lower trend which began the first week of April and steer prices for the week in review were the lowest since April, 1957. Slaughter steers and heifers sold steady to 75¢ lower at most midwest terminals. At Chicago, slaughter heifers along with most steers average-Choice and below under 1350# sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower while high-Choice and Prime steers all weights and most steers over 1350# were \$1.00-1.50 lower. Cows were uneven but largely steady to 50¢ lower, the exceptions steady to 50¢ higher trends at Kansas City and Sioux City. Bulls were steady. Vealers sold steady to \$1.00 higher at St. Louis but only steady in St. Paul. Both the lower trend on carcass beef and fairly liberal receipts were factors contributing to price declines in the live trade with the forthcoming Memorial Day holiday an added bearish factor at some markets. Receipts at major terminals were little changed from the previous week with slaughter steers and heifers predominating at most points. Bulk of the steer and heifer supply graded Good to average-Choice with very few high-Choice and Prime offered. Steers and heifers continued to sell in virtually the same price range on a grade for grade basis with weight considered.

Bulk of the high-Good and Choice 1000-1350# steers sold from \$21.25-23.00 with a few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime from \$22.75-23.25. At Chicago, Prime and mixed Choice and Prime 1050-1400# steers brought \$23.00-25.25 with a few Prime 1225-1330# at \$25.50-26.00 early in the period. Good steers bulked at \$20.00-22.00. A few high-Choice and mixed Choice and Prime heifers sold from \$22.50-23.25, while most Choice brought \$21.50-22.50 and Good \$20.00-22.00. Utility and Commercial cows sold at \$15.50-17.50; Canner and Cutter \$13.50-16.50.

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND CALVES - Declining slaughter cattle prices continued to cast a pall over the market for stockers and feeders. Late May receipts of stocker and feeder cattle and calves at terminal markets were very moderate. At several centers limited numbers proved a price supporting factor but buyers generally were inclined to proceed very cautiously and trading for the most part was on an unevenly steady to 50¢ lower basis. Fleishy steers 800# and heavier usually were under most pressure and showed most decline. Stock calves and 500-600# yearling stockers often were steady to only moderately easier and at Kansas City such offerings occasionally were as much as 50¢ higher in contrast to the decidedly bearish demand for fleishy feeders 800# up. The current price relationship between slaughter cattle and stockers and feeders offers less encouragement for profitable feeding of cattle than at this time a year ago and, naturally, represents the dominant factor prompting a poor demand for feedlot replacements. For example, during the week ended May 18th, the average price at 10 markets of all stocker and feeder steers 500# and heavier was \$22.41 or \$2.09 lower than a year ago. However, at Chicago that week the average price of all Choice fed steers at \$23.58 was \$3.97 under a year ago.

Bulk Good and Choice 800-1050# feeder steers sold from \$20.00-23.00. Several loads Choice 800# brought \$23.50-24.00 but on steers over 950# buyers often were reluctant to go above \$21.50. Good and Choice yearling stock steers ranged \$22.00-27.50 but not many exceeded \$26.50. Here, too, weight was an important price determining factor. Choice 538# realized \$27.50 while Choice 675# sold at \$25.50. Good and Choice yearling heifers brought \$19.50-23.75, few Choice \$24.00-24.50. Good and Choice steer calves brought \$24.50-30.50, same grades heifer calves largely \$23.00-27.00, few \$27.50.

HOGS - Terminal Markets - Marketings of hogs at the 12 terminals again dropped slightly below the previous week and were nearly 6 percent under the corresponding week a year earlier. However, receipts at Chicago were the largest for any week for the year to date. Consignments of mixed U. S. 1-3, 190-270# barrows and gilts continued to comprise the bulk of the offerings. Sows continued to move to market at a small seasonal increase, that class now making up nearly 20 percent of the receipts at St. Paul. Prices reacted from the sharply lower trend of the previous week. Barrows and gilts were generally 25-75¢ higher, except strong to 25¢ up at St. Paul. Sows closed steady to 50¢ higher, although weights

over 500# were 25¢ lower at St. Joseph. Upturns in the wholesale pork trade was the primary factor for the advance in the live market. Demand from order buyers proved broad at most centers and this also tended to have a stimulating influence to the trade. These interests generally preferred barrows and gilts grading U. S. No. 1-2, and uniform consignments of U. S. 1-3, weighing 190-230#. However, shippers often had to take butchers weighing over 230# to fill existing orders. About 65 percent of the run at Indianapolis and 50 percent of the Chicago supply went to order buyers.

U. S. No. 1-2, 180-240# barrows and gilts closed largely at \$16.75-17.50 in the western Corn Belt but from \$17.50-18.00 at Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis. Mixed U. S. 1-3, 180-250# brought \$16.00-17.50, most sales \$16.50-17.00. U. S. 1-3, 270-600# sows sold at \$13.25-15.25.

Prices on feeder pigs were steady. Good and Choice 130-170# feeders at Sioux City brought \$15.50-16.25, same grades 130-160# at St. Paul \$15.50-16.00.

Average cut-out value advantage of U. S. No. 1 over No. 3 live basis 200-220# barrows and gilts was 80¢ per cwt. based on wholesale carlot prices of fresh pork cuts at Chicago May 19 to May 25 inclusive.

HOGS - Receipts of butchers and sows in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 316,000 were around 3 percent more than week ago and about 7 percent greater than year ago. A portion of price advances made through Wednesday was erased on later rounds to result in closing prices for 180-240# barrows and gilts mainly 25¢ higher for the week and heavier weights 10-25¢ higher. Sows closed 25-35¢ higher and made up about 10 percent of total receipts.

On Friday, U. S. No. 1-3 190-240# barrows and gilts sold from \$15.75-16.50 with limited volume mostly No. 1 and 2 selected 200-220# lots to \$16.75. U. S. No. 1-3 270-400# sows bulked at \$13.75-14.75; 400-550# \$12.25-14.25.

SHEEP AND LAMBS - Receipts at the 12 markets numbered 104,000, around 16 percent less than the previous week but 6 percent over last year. Curtailed numbers at Fort Worth accounted for most of the reduction in the 12 market receipts. Shorn old crop slaughter lambs comprised bulk of the midwest supply, although expanded marketings of spring lambs predominated at St. Joseph and many other southern points. Prices advanced on early sessions but subsequent downturns more than offset the advance. Old crop slaughter lambs were mostly steady to 50¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off. Exceptions to the lower trends were steady to 25¢ higher prices at St. Joseph and steady, instances 50¢ higher trends at Fort Worth. Spring slaughter lambs were steady to 50¢ higher aside from 50¢-\$1.00 downturns at

Omaha and St. Louis. Slaughter ewes were steady to 50¢ lower. Feeder lambs were steady, instances 50¢ higher at Fort Worth.

Choice with a few Prime 90-112# shorn old crop slaughter lambs No. 1,2 and fall shorn pelts sold from \$14.00-15.50, few shipments 90-105# to \$16.00 and a deck 90# \$17.00 at Chicago. Choice 113-120# \$13.00-14.50, 120-141# \$9.00-13.25. Good and Choice 80-113# \$12.00-15.00. Few shipments Good and Choice 80-123# woolled slaughter lambs \$13.00-15.00, few \$16.00. Choice and Prime 80-105# spring lambs \$18.00-19.00, few \$20.00; 105-115# \$16.00-18.00. Good and Choice \$16.00-18.00, Utility and Good \$14.00-17.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes \$1.50-6.00, mostly \$2.50-5.50.

At Fort Worth, Medium and Good 77-91# shorn feeders with No. 1-2 pelts \$8.00-9.50; Good and Choice 70-78# spring feeders \$12.00-12.50. At Omaha, Good and Choice 64-79# spring feeders \$14.50-16.00.

Receipts in the Interior Iowa-Southern Minnesota area at 25,300 were 9 percent less than the previous week but 16 percent over last year. The fairly broad numbers marketed combined with lower dressed lamb prices as bearish factors influenced price downturns on the live trade. Old crop slaughter lambs were largely weak to 50¢ lower. Spring slaughter lambs were unevenly steady to weak, instances 50¢ lower. Slaughter ewes were steady. Shorn old crop slaughter lambs made up around 75 percent of the week's supply.

On Friday, Choice 90-105# shorn old crop slaughter lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts brought \$14.00-15.00 delivered to packing plants; Choice 105-115# \$13.00-14.50, 115-120# \$12.50-13.50; Good and Choice 90-110# \$12.50-14.50. Limited numbers of Choice 90-110# woolled lambs brought \$14.50-16.00, 110-120# \$13.00-15.00; Good and Choice 90-110# \$13.00-15.00. Choice and Prime 80-95# spring slaughter lambs \$17.50-18.50; Good and Choice 80-100# \$16.50-18.00. Cull to Choice shorn slaughter ewes sold at \$2.00-4.50 few to \$5.00.

RANGE AND FEEDLOT SALES

Note: Shrink on most range and feedlot sales none to 5 percent, mostly 4 percent f.o.b. some with short haul and 3 percent shrink. All sales for immediate delivery unless specified.

ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND UTAH - Trading on slaughter steers and heifers was rather slow, steady to 50¢ lower. Stocker and feeder cattle trade was limited with a few transactions weak to 50¢ lower. Spring lambs sold moderately active at strong to 50¢ higher prices.

Slaughter steers: In California, 3 loads Choice 1000# sold at \$24.25 delivered to plant; over Arizona and California, 17 loads Choice

900-1020# \$23.75-24.00, bulk Good to mostly Choice, 900-1150# \$22.75-23.50, 1175-1300# \$21.75-22.75; Good and mixed Good and Choice 875-1225# \$21.00-22.50, loadlots mostly Standard 1025-1200# \$19.50-20.75.

Slaughter heifers: In Arizona, 5 loads Choice 750-850# \$23.50; over California and Arizona, bulk Good to mostly Choice 800-1000# \$22.25-23.00; few loads mixed Good and Choice 800-1000# \$21.50-22.00.

Stockers and feeders: Around 850 high-Good and Choice calves with 378# steers \$26.50 and 360# heifers \$23.65; 200 Choice 500-550# steers \$26.00; few lots Good and Choice 450-525# mixed calves and short yearlings with steers \$25.00, heifers \$23.00; 700 Good and Choice 525-575# steers \$24.00, few near 700# \$21.00; 450 Medium to low-Good 600-625# steers \$18.00-20.50; 850 head Good and Choice 500-600# heifers \$19.50-21.00.

Spring lambs: Choice and Prime 98-110# woolled spring slaughter lambs \$16.50-17.00, same grades 98-115# shorn, mostly No. 2 pelts \$15.50-16.50; 2,000 near 90# Choice and Prime slaughter and Choice and Fancy feeders \$16.75. Some 1,500 Choice and Fancy 70-85# feeder spring lambs \$16.00, load Good and Choice 50-60# \$15.00.

COLORADO, SOUTHERN WYOMING, WESTERN KANSAS AND WESTERN NEBRASKA - Trading on slaughter cattle direct at the feedlots moderately active through midweek, later rather slow. Slaughter steers sold 50-75¢ lower, instances \$1.00 off; slaughter heifers 25¢ to mostly 50¢ lower. Colorado, 184 loads average and high-Choice 1025-1300# slaughter steers, some loads carrying an end of Prime, \$21.50-22.65, mostly \$21.75-22.25; 22 loads high-Good and Choice 1100-1250# \$20.50-21.40. Fifteen loads average-Choice 795-940# slaughter heifers \$23.00-23.25; 84 loads low to high-Choice 900-1050# \$22.00-22.85, bulk \$22.25-22.75; 9 loads high-Good and Choice 950-1050# \$21.00-21.75. Wyoming: 4 loads average and high-Choice 975-1000# slaughter heifers \$22.75-23.25 delivered to Colorado packer with 2 loads at \$22.25 f.o.b. feedlot, these going to river market packer.

Movement of stockers and feeders in this trade area confined to those being sold at the various auctions, no direct sales being confirmed.

Slaughter lambs sold mostly steady. Colorado packers, in order to maintain their slaughtering operations, were active in other areas, mainly Texas. Colorado: Choice 100-112# shorn lambs No. 1 and 2 pelts \$15.25-15.75. Western Kansas: Around 6 loads Choice and Prime 100-110# shorn slaughter ewe lambs with No. 1 and 2 pelts \$15.00-15.50. Several loads Choice and Prime spring lambs 90-95# \$19.00, few 106-107# \$18.00-18.50.

NEW MEXICO, WEST TEXAS, WESTERN OKLAHOMA, SOUTHWESTERN KANSAS - Clovis area - Demand

narrow for slaughter cattle, steers 50¢-\$1.00 lower, heifers steady, feeders steady to weak.

Slaughter steers: 180 mostly Choice 1200# \$22.00; 660 high-Good and low-Choice 950-1050# \$21.50-22.50; 255 Good, few Choice 925-1025# \$21.00-21.50.

Slaughter heifers: 520 Good, few Choice, 600-700# \$22.00-22.50.

Stockers and feeders: 725 Good 600-650# steers \$21.50-22.00; 625 Good 600-625# heifers \$19.50-20.00; 120 Choice 425# stock calves, \$28.00 steers, \$26.00 heifers.

Lambs: Steady, 2,200 Choice and Prime 80-85# spring slaughter lambs \$17.00; 300 Choice 103# old crop lambs with No. 2 pelts \$12.00; 1,400 Choice and Fancy 70-80# spring feeders \$13.00-13.25, 2,400 mostly Choice 63-67# \$11.00-12.00; 600 Choice 85# old crop shorn feeders with No. 2 pelts \$8.50.

Amarillo Area - Slaughter steers and heifers mostly steady, feeders 50¢-\$1.00 lower.

Slaughter steers: 152 mostly Choice 1270-1290# \$21.00; 110 Good and Choice 1060-1075# \$22.50; 42 Good, few Choice, 1100# \$20.00. Slaughter heifers: 125 Good, few Choice, 825-900# \$20.00-21.00.

Stockers and feeders: 800 Good 800-875# steers \$19.00-20.25, 453 Good and Choice 625-750# \$21.40-22.50; 500 Choice 630# heifers \$22.50, 1,755 Good and Choice 588-666# \$20.90-21.80.

IDAHO, OREGON AND WASHINGTON - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, weak to 50¢ lower; spring slaughter lambs in Oregon 50¢-\$1.50 lower, steady in Idaho.

Slaughter steers: Washington - Bulk Choice 990-1075# \$23.00-23.25; mixed Good and Choice 1050-1125# \$21.50-22.50. Idaho - Choice 950# \$23.00, Choice 991-1300# mainly \$21.00-22.00.

Slaughter heifers: Washington - Good to mostly Choice, 800-875# bulked at \$22.00-22.50. Idaho - Good to mostly Choice 825-950# \$21.00-22.50; Good and Choice 950-1025# \$20.00-20.50.

Stockers and feeders: Washington - String Choice and Fancy 450-500# steer and heifer calves \$25.50. Idaho - Good and Choice 833# feeder steers \$22.00. Oregon - Good and Choice 350# calves, \$26.00 on steers, \$24.00 on heifers.

Spring slaughter lambs: Idaho - Lamb pools, Choice and Prime 90-96# \$16.90-17.60, mostly \$17.30-17.60. Oregon - Lamb pool, Choice and Prime \$16.75; other sales mostly Choice and Prime 90-98# \$15.85-16.50.

MONTANA, NORTHERN WYOMING AND WESTERN DAKOTAS - Slaughter steers and heifers slow, steady. 150 Good and Choice 1000-1200# slaughter steers \$20.50-22.00; 75 average and high-Choice 850-925# slaughter heifers \$21.50, 75 Choice 1150# heifers \$20.50.

String Choice heifers, stock calves, including some Fancy, for fall delivery \$24.00.

WEEKLY RECEIPTS OF SALABLE LIVESTOCK AT 12 PUBLIC MARKETS

Market	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Chicago	37,630	40,093	117	226	41,781	34,635	3,109	4,424
Cincinnati	2,484	3,398	753	993	9,024	10,084	737	644
Denver	9,357	9,809	43	111	5,200	5,595	8,503	10,878
Fort Worth	11,917	10,547	1,419	2,784	2,405	3,193	38,214	42,512
Indianapolis ..	6,389	6,652	482	888	25,379	28,214	660	626
Kansas City ...	15,407	17,782	399	663	16,893	18,475	9,738	8,255
Oklahoma City .	8,956	11,597	368	1,252	3,969	4,213	3,864	3,017
Omaha	34,973	39,946	136	495	42,857	42,565	12,758	11,111
St. Joseph	15,554	16,621	448	511	26,315	28,769	7,855	5,899
St. Louis NSY .	13,456	15,918	1,419	2,237	49,559	66,406	2,954	2,238
Sioux City	23,597	28,349	1,018	948	40,615	39,992	7,349	4,964
S. St. Paul ...	21,242	20,724	4,733	4,963	40,481	41,629	8,596	4,254
Total	200,962	221,436	11,335	16,071	304,478	323,770	104,337	98,822
" May 20, 1961	203,353		11,580		306,529		124,248	

INTERIOR IOWA AND SOUTHERN MINNESOTA -				May 27, 1961	May 20, 1961	May 28, 1960
Hogs				316,000	306,000	295,000
Sheep				25,300	27,900	21,900

STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER

	Week ended			Month		Four months	
	May 25	May 18	May 26	Apr.	Apr.	Jan.-Apr.	
	1961	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steers - 1001# up	539	665	613	2,306	3,104	12,513	11,568
901-1000	1,600	2,015	1,527	7,674	8,485	33,829	35,805
801-900	2,458	2,567	3,168	12,139	11,811	53,662	54,060
701-800	5,116	4,731	4,356	17,158	17,654	64,189	67,561
501-700	8,622	10,795	12,568	47,524	50,937	184,294	160,519
Total steers 10 markets ...	18,335	20,773	22,232	86,801	91,991	348,487	329,513
Av. wt. " " " ...	721#	714#	696#	704#	708#	712#	724#
Av. cost* " " " ...	\$22.06	\$22.41	\$23.75	\$24.05	\$25.30	\$24.19	\$24.50
" " " Chicago	22.30	22.40	25.57	23.09	24.40	23.15	24.14
" " " Kansas City ..	22.53	22.84	24.78	24.38	25.46	24.24	24.51
" " " Omaha	22.23	22.66	24.25	24.03	25.48	24.18	24.52
" " " S. St. Paul ..	20.87	21.24	23.16	21.80	23.33	21.86	23.23
" " " Sioux City ...	23.21	23.27	25.59	25.33	26.38	25.73	25.71
" " " Denver	22.64	22.53	23.23	24.17	25.74	24.99	25.05
" " " Ft. Worth	21.10	22.00	22.00	23.18	24.18	23.36	23.82
" " " Oklahoma City.	21.24	20.99	21.54	23.05	24.13	23.32	23.41
" " " S. St. Joseph.	23.14	23.88	24.01	24.72	25.05	24.10	24.20
" " " St. Louis NSY.	21.57	22.13	24.19	22.87	24.45	22.96	23.66
Total calves - 10 markets .	6,551	7,555	9,451	27,960	33,808	162,609	148,122
" heifers " "	2,130	3,002	3,031	12,861	15,838	50,401	50,435
" cows " "	510	688	594	2,255	1,657	11,503	10,689

*Not adjusted for differences in grade of cattle sold at each market.

ESTIMATED PERCENT OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SLAUGHTER COWS IN SALABLE RECEIPTS

Week ended	Chi- cago	Kan- sas City	S. St. :Omaha :Joseph	St. :Louis :City	Sioux :St. :Paul	Indian- :apolis	Den- :ver	Ft. :Worth	Okla. :City	Wich- :ita	San :Antonio
Stockers and feeders											
May 26, 1961	1	30	9	14	12	21	5	8	6	60	55
May 19, 1961	1	38	8	14	10	22	5	8	9	60	50
May 27, 1960	2	33	13	14	7	20	5	8	8	70	50
Slaughter cows											
May 26, 1961	3	7	9	5	10	5	20	11	20	8	15
May 19, 1961	3	8	8	5	7	7	20	12	9	15	20
May 27, 1960	5	10	8	6	9	6	25	6	10	20	15

STEERS SOLD OUT OF FIRST HANDS FOR SLAUGHTER 1/								
Grade	Number of head		Percent of total by grades		Average weight (pounds)		Average price in dollars per 100 lb.	
	Week ended							
	May 25 1961	May 26 1960	May 25 1961	May 26 1960	May 25 1961	May 26 1960	May 25 1961	May 26 1960
CHICAGO								
Prime.....	2,793	1,041	9.1	3.4	1,266	1,231	24.29	30.22
Choice.....	18,214	18,473	59.1	60.4	1,206	1,191	22.62	27.03
Good.....	8,014	10,220	26.0	33.4	1,112	1,076	21.37	25.02
Standard.....	1,506	557	4.9	1.8	1,039	1,034	19.40	21.52
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	297	301	.9	1.0	1,011	997	18.37	19.91
All grades.....	30,824	30,592			1,177	1,149	22.30	26.36
OMAHA								
Prime.....	27	78	.2	.4	1,252	1,208	22.53	27.67
Choice.....	8,333	7,733	43.9	37.1	1,177	1,171	21.83	25.86
Good.....	8,884	11,341	46.8	54.4	1,113	1,094	20.78	24.32
Standard.....	1,484	1,431	7.8	6.9	1,130	1,084	18.28	19.99
Utility.....	240	250	1.3	1.2	1,026	1,011	17.44	18.27
All grades.....	18,968	20,833			1,141	1,121	21.03	24.58
SIOUX CITY								
Prime.....	--	33	--	.2	--	1,401	--	27.46
Choice.....	6,215	6,751	48.2	51.4	1,184	1,167	21.90	26.01
Good.....	4,807	5,313	37.3	40.4	1,151	1,080	20.92	24.41
Standard.....	1,865	1,007	14.5	7.7	1,112	1,081	18.78	20.24
Utility.....	--	40	--	.3	--	939	--	17.96
All grades.....	12,887	13,144			1,161	1,125	21.10	24.94
KANSAS CITY								
Prime.....	33	--	.5	--	1,248	--	22.65	--
Choice.....	3,610	3,106	55.1	46.2	1,149	1,100	22.41	26.00
Good.....	2,148	3,136	32.8	46.7	1,072	1,046	21.39	24.44
Standard.....	747	473	11.4	7.0	1,041	1,024	18.85	21.24
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	13	5	.2	.1	1,031	934	17.01	18.01
All grades.....	6,551	6,720			1,112	1,069	21.70	24.96
ST. LOUIS NSY								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	463	235	6.7	3.5	1,049	1,127	22.81	27.10
Good.....	4,998	5,100	72.8	76.4	1,036	1,055	21.59	25.11
Standard.....	995	1,070	14.5	16.1	968	956	19.80	22.29
Commercial.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Utility.....	412	268	6.0	4.0	917	922	18.37	19.76
All grades.....	6,868	6,673			1,020	1,037	21.25	24.58
S. ST. JOSEPH								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,104	2,971	37.0	38.8	1,164	1,134	22.57	25.81
Good.....	4,436	4,178	52.9	54.6	1,103	1,063	21.36	24.32
Standard.....	845	502	10.1	6.6	1,109	1,040	18.70	20.15
Utility.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
All grades.....	8,385	7,651			1,126	1,089	21.56	24.66
DENVER								
Prime.....	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice.....	3,020	3,671	77.1	75.7	1,177	1,158	21.90	26.10
Good.....	761	981	19.4	20.3	1,127	1,111	20.64	24.65
Standard.....	119	176	3.1	3.6	1,042	1,068	18.49	19.70
Utility.....	15	20	.4	.4	912	954	17.44	17.00
All grades.....	3,915	4,848			1,162	1,144	21.56	25.57

1/ Data collected by Statistical Reporting Service, and Livestock Division, A.M.S.

WEEKLY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION AT MAJOR CENTERS

City or Area	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs	
	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Boston, New York City Area	10,981	13,339	9,738	10,739	38,294	50,683	33,177	36,870
Baltimore, Philadelphia	7,934	9,186	1,319	1,622	26,634	24,515	3,551	3,192
Cin., Cleve., Detroit, Indpls .	18,904	19,793	3,855	5,123	101,164	121,647	11,822	13,499
Chicago Area	15,804	17,772	4,071	5,050	39,134	32,735	6,911	4,420
St. Paul- Wisc. Areas	29,199	31,105	12,897	15,346	94,018	97,957	13,835	8,904
St. Louis Area	10,952	11,388	1,763	1,370	66,665	73,721	5,091	4,698
Sioux City-So. Dakota Area	25,178	26,359	--	--	91,074	88,033	9,142	11,013
Omaha Area	38,409	38,998	56	136	74,748	80,704	15,427	12,444
Kansas City	15,102	13,914	--	--	34,396	37,435	--	--
Iowa - So. Minnesota	28,304	33,961	1,728	6,681	227,502	256,238	25,800	27,180
Lou'1, Evan'1, Nash'1, Mph's ...	5,985	6,517	2,942	4,076	49,637	65,566	--	--
Georgia, Florida, Ala. Area ...	9,755	8,544	4,291	4,412	26,037	28,226	--	--
St. Jo'ph. Wichita, Okla. City.	20,303	21,742	750	1,588	42,975	46,356	12,897	11,548
Ft. Worth, Dallas, San Antonio.	14,603	13,195	4,361	4,358	14,251	15,874	45,743	42,246
Denver, Ogden, Salt Lake City .	23,866	22,375	208	239	14,582	16,388	32,176	18,943
Los Angeles, San Fran. Areas ..	27,568	25,595	1,875	1,823	28,873	25,395	38,649	32,931
Portland, Seattle, Spokane	7,774	7,844	315	291	13,221	14,362	6,769	4,957
Total	310,621		50,169		983,205		260,990	
		321,627		62,854		1,075,835		232,845
Accumulation to date ^{1/}	6,356,358		1,315,765		23,317,431		5,621,716	
		6,202,305		1,417,314		25,409,270		5,006,414

^{1/} Accumulations for week ended May 20, 1961: Cattle 6,045,737, calves 1,265,596, hogs 22,334,226, sheep 5,360,726.

ESTIMATED FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

Week ended	Beef		Veal		Pork (excl. lard)		Lamb and mutton		Total meat	Total lard
	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	Num-ber	Prod.	prod.	prod.
	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	1,000	mil. lb.	mil. lb.	mil. lb.
May 27, 1961	390	233.6	85	11.0	1,190	171.1	290	13.6	429.3	--
May 20, 1961	395	236.2	90	11.3	1,275	182.7	315	14.8	445.0	--
May 6, 1961 ^{1/}	401	--	87	--	1,301	--	310	--	--	45.4
May 28, 1960 ^{1/}	389	230.8	88	11.4	1,235	173.9	253	12.1	428.2	40.4

Percentage change from:

May 20, 1961	-1	-1	-6	-3	-7	-6	-8	-8	-4	--
May 28, 1960	0	1	-3	-4	-4	-2	15	12	0	--

Week ended	Average weight (lb.)								Lard yield per 100 lb.
	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep and lambs		
	Live	Dressed	Live	Dressed	Live	2/ Dressed	Live	Dressed	
May 27, 1961	1040	599	230	129	248	144	97	47	--
May 20, 1961	1040	598	225	126	247	143	97	47	--
May 6, 1961	1045	601	220	122	246	143	98	48	--
May 28, 1960	1029	593	231	130	242	141	98	48	13.5

^{1/} Actual slaughter. ^{2/} Excludes lard.

See page 425 for revised estimates, by weeks, for April 1961.

CATTLE: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification	Chicago		Kansas City		Omaha		Denver		North Portland	
	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May	May
	27	28	27	28	27	28	27	28	27	28
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
<u>Slaughter cattle, calves and vealers</u>										
Steers -										
Prime 900-1100#	24.20	29.80	--	--	23.62	29.25	--	--	--	--
1100-1300	24.30	30.55	--	--	23.50	29.25	--	--	--	--
Choice 900-1100	22.85	27.42	22.88	26.40	22.60	26.92	22.20	26.02	23.56	27.62
1100-1300	22.60	27.68	22.68	26.40	22.48	26.92	22.00	26.15	22.62	27.12
Good 900-1100	21.20	24.30	21.30	24.02	20.68	23.88	20.25	22.85	22.25	25.72
Standard - All wts.	19.50	21.80	19.05	20.88	18.62	20.52	18.50	19.40	20.00	23.06
Heifers -										
Choice 700-900#	22.32	26.45	22.92	25.90	22.52	26.35	22.38	25.62	23.00	26.62
Good 600-800	--	--	21.48	23.42	20.75	23.52	20.12	22.62	21.50	25.00
Standard - All wts.	19.12	21.30	19.00	20.25	18.62	20.08	18.25	18.75	18.75	22.50
Cows - All weights -										
Commercial	16.75	18.02	17.12	18.78	17.00	17.75	--	18.38	15.50	18.06
Utility	16.50	17.50	16.38	16.65	16.25	16.58	16.75	16.75	14.94	17.06
Cutter	16.22	16.90	15.72	15.25	15.55	15.38	15.75	15.00	14.00	14.50
Canner	14.50	15.40	14.75	13.88	14.62	14.25	14.25	13.75	12.50	12.22
Bulls - All weights -										
Commercial	19.00	21.12	18.00	19.25	19.00	18.60	--	--	--	--
Utility	19.50	20.38	18.38	19.50	18.88	18.35	19.25	20.45	21.00	22.00
Calves - 500# down -										
Choice	--	--	23.00	24.80	--	--	--	--	--	27.00
Good	--	--	21.25	23.00	--	--	--	--	--	24.50
Standard	--	--	18.50	20.50	--	--	--	--	--	22.00
Vealers - All wts. -										
Choice	29.50	31.50	27.50	27.00	28.00	26.50	--	--	28.50	28.00
Good	27.00	29.00	24.00	24.50	24.75	23.75	--	--	26.50	26.00
Standard	22.00	23.50	20.00	21.00	21.50	21.00	--	--	23.12	23.00
<u>Stocker and feeder cattle and calves</u>										
Steers -										
Choice 500-800#	26.50	28.25	26.05	27.55	26.00	28.25	25.50	27.50	--	26.00
Good 500-800	24.00	25.25	23.60	24.60	23.50	24.75	22.75	24.88	--	24.00
Medium 500-1000	20.75	22.25	20.85	21.05	20.50	21.25	19.75	21.50	--	20.50
Heifers -										
Choice 500-750#	--	--	23.90	25.00	23.50	25.50	23.75	25.62	--	24.50
Med. & Gd. 500-750	--	--	20.75	21.40	19.75	22.00	20.50	22.25	--	20.00
Cows - All wts. -										
Med. & Gd.	--	--	16.50	17.05	16.25	15.50	16.00	--	--	16.00
Calves - 300-500# -										
Steers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	28.25	29.00	28.75	30.00	29.25	29.50	--	27.00
Heifers -										
Good & Choice	--	--	25.50	25.70	26.00	26.75	27.50	28.00	--	25.00

HOGS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS

In dollars per 100 pounds

	Chicago	Interior	St. Louis	Omaha	Indianapolis	St. Joseph	Kansas City	Peoria
Classification	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961	May : 27 : 1961
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	17.50	17.35	17.01	16.78	16.12	17.68	16.48	16.60
200-220	17.62	17.44	17.02	17.00	16.70	17.69	16.56	16.75
220-240	17.25	17.18	16.20	17.22	16.94	17.00	16.72	16.80
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	16.92	17.08	15.92	16.38	16.22	17.10	16.86	16.22
220-240	16.58	16.77	15.85	16.88	16.48	16.38	16.22	16.95
240-270	16.08	16.10	15.48	16.38	15.88	16.10	15.85	16.32
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	17.23	17.16	15.68	17.20	16.68	17.32	17.05	16.28
200-220	17.23	17.24	16.06	17.16	16.70	17.39	17.05	16.42
220-240	16.85	16.93	15.98	16.94	16.57	16.58	16.40	17.18
240-270	16.28	16.28	15.62	16.52	16.08	16.18	16.12	16.58
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	--	14.62	14.15	15.02	14.60	14.88	14.94	15.20
330-400	14.62	14.02	13.66	14.75	14.22	14.50	14.25	14.70
400-550	13.92	13.15	12.73	14.12	13.25	14.02	13.55	14.15
South								
St. Paul								
Sioux City								
Sioux Falls								
Cincinnati								
Fort Worth								
Thomasville								
Baltimore								
North								
Portland								
Classification								
Barrows and gilts -								
U. S. No. 1 & 2								
180-200#	17.08	16.45	16.48	16.37	--	17.80	17.18	16.33
200-220	17.08	16.92	16.89	16.62	16.88	16.64	17.79	16.38
220-240	17.08	16.92	16.86	16.58	16.88	16.64	17.56	16.25
U. S. No. 2 & 3								
200-220	16.50	16.38	16.41	16.32	16.50	16.32	17.64	16.17
220-240	16.35	16.28	16.41	16.32	16.48	16.30	17.45	16.08
240-270	16.02	15.82	16.00	15.92	15.90	15.85	17.12	16.53
U. S. No. 1, 2 & 3								
180-200	16.50	16.40	16.46	16.31	--	17.64	17.16	16.03
200-220	16.50	16.42	16.58	16.41	16.62	16.56	17.64	16.06
220-240	16.38	16.32	16.56	16.36	16.62	16.51	17.44	16.03
240-270	16.08	15.95	16.20	16.07	16.00	15.98	17.12	16.53
Sows - U.S. 1, 2 & 3								
270-330	15.08	14.78	15.12	14.48	--	14.58	14.95	13.98
330-400	14.65	14.08	14.42	14.10	14.40	14.28	14.45	13.55
400-550	13.98	13.25	13.70	13.32	13.72	13.48	13.82	12.95
Feeder pigs - All wts.								
Good and Choice	15.95	15.10	15.81	--	--	--	--	--

HOGS: AVERAGE COST, WEIGHT, AND NUMBER OF PACKER AND SHIPPER PURCHASES ^{1/}

Week ended		Chicago	St. Louis Nat'l. Stock Yards	Kansas City	Omaha	Sioux City	S. St. Joseph	S. St. Paul	Indianapolis	Eight mktg. com- bined
AVERAGE COST -		Dollars per 100 pounds								
Barrows and gilts	May 27, 1961	16.58	16.78	16.14	16.17	16.01	16.04	16.06	16.92	16.35
	May 20, 1961	16.42	16.54	16.15	16.40	16.06	16.23	16.14	16.68	16.34
	May 28, 1960	16.38	16.43	16.05	16.03	15.96	16.00	16.03	16.62	16.20
Sows	May 27, 1961	13.94	14.21	14.22	14.16	14.04	14.16	14.10	14.10	14.10
	May 20, 1961	13.89	14.28	14.50	14.51	14.20	14.60	14.34	14.17	14.30
	May 28, 1960	13.38	13.61	13.22	13.72	13.58	13.63	13.68	13.47	13.58
AVERAGE WEIGHT -		Pounds								
Barrows and gilts	May 27, 1961	238	222	237	242	246	238	244	232	237
	May 20, 1961	241	227	237	244	246	239	242	232	238
	May 28, 1960	239	222	230	242	242	233	239	230	234
Sows	May 27, 1961	450	428	436	414	428	416	398	462	423
	May 20, 1961	449	419	424	418	420	415	405	452	423
	May 28, 1960	444	395	419	414	419	402	392	450	414
NUMBER OF HEAD -										
Barrows and gilts	May 27, 1961	35104	43468	15021	34981	34809	23444	26400	21222	234449
	May 20, 1961	31191	51053	17851	34090	35585	21745	26602	21022	239139
	May 28, 1960	26997	58701	16867	35457	33171	26641	27735	23559	249128
Sows	May 27, 1961	3295	3126	1129	5920	4997	2020	6660	2317	29464
	May 20, 1961	2880	3818	1166	5267	4213	1897	5761	2795	27797
	May 28, 1960	3324	4346	1071	4682	4223	1603	5717	3021	27987
SOWS -		Percentage of total								
May 27, 1961		9	7	7	14	13	8	20	10	11
May 20, 1961		8	7	6	13	11	8	18	12	10
May 28, 1960		11	7	6	12	11	6	17	11	10

^{1/} Weighted average.AVERAGE WHOLESALE VALUE OF HOG PRODUCTS DERIVED FROM 100 LB. LIVE HOG,
COMPARED WITH PRICES OF LIVE HOGS, CHICAGO

Week ended	Hog products ^{1/}	Hog prices ^{2/}	Gross spread or margin ^{3/}
May 27, 1961	\$18.51	\$17.23	\$1.28
May 20, 1961	18.58	17.01	1.57
May 28, 1960	18.39	17.24	1.15

^{1/} Value of all edible products, fresh basis (lard rendered) in 100 lb. of live hog computed from wholesale prices on carlot basis, Chicago, reported by National Provisioner daily market report.

^{2/} Mean of daily quotations on U. S. No. 1,2 and 3 hogs, 200-220# wt. Chicago.

^{3/} Difference between wholesale product value and hog prices.

HOG AND CORN PRICES AT CHICAGO AND HOG-CORN PRICE RATIO

Week ended	Barrows and gilts ^{1/} Dollars per 100 pounds	Corn ^{2/} No.3 yellow Cents per bushel	Hog-corn price ratio based on barrows and gilts
May 27, 1961	16.58	113.4	14.6
May 20, 1961	16.42	112.6	14.6
May 28, 1960	16.38	122.4	13.4

^{1/} Weighted average. ^{2/} Simple average.

SHEEP AND LAMBS: WEEKLY AVERAGE OF DAILY QUOTATIONS
In dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		Chicago	Omaha	Kansas City	Fort Worth	Denver	Ogden	North Port-land
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Spring) - All wts.								
Prime	May 27, 1961	19.75	18.15	18.00	--	18.68	--	16.53
	May 28, 1960	--	23.05	23.95	21.95	23.92	22.95	--
Choice	May 27, 1961	19.00	17.62	17.52	16.95	17.12	--	16.34
	May 28, 1960	--	21.95	23.05	21.05	22.75	22.20	21.78
Good	May 27, 1961	18.00	--	16.40	16.25	--	--	15.50
	May 28, 1960	--	--	21.65	19.90	--	21.20	20.50
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: (Shorn) - 105 lb. down								
Choice	May 27, 1961	15.62	14.22	15.38	12.50	14.75	--	12.00
	May 28, 1960	20.75	19.95	20.50	17.50	20.50	19.10	--
Good	May 27, 1961	14.50	12.85	14.50	11.50	13.62	--	10.00
	May 28, 1960	19.35	18.88	19.00	16.50	19.38	17.60	--
EWES: (Shorn) - All wts.								
Good & Choice	May 27, 1961	5.00	5.00	3.20	--	5.52	--	4.50
	May 28, 1960	6.25*	5.82	4.50	--	5.25	5.55	5.00
Cull & Utility	May 27, 1961	4.60	4.10	2.85	4.50	3.98	--	3.12
	May 28, 1960	5.20*	4.22	3.50	4.00	4.12	3.50	3.00
FEEDER LAMBS: - All wts.								
Good & Choice	May 27, 1961	--	14.00	--	10.25	--	--	13.50
	May 28, 1960	--	20.50	--	17.25	--	--	--

*Woolled basis.

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS
April 1961 - with comparisons
(Thousand head)

Region	Cattle		Calves		Hogs		Sheep & Lambs	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
N. Atlantic States	105	107	106	104	452	453	167	173
S. Atlantic States	47	39	34	28	324	347	1/	1/
N. C. States - Eastern	230	251	113	130	1,092	1,311	82	82
N. C. States - N. Western ..	483	442	46	49	1,945	2,086	349	294
N. C. States - S. Western ..	158	143	9	10	469	572	80	68
S. Central States	158	132	49	52	509	513	169	120
Mountain States	124	114	1	2	86	104	179	135
Pacific States	196	182	19	20	173	184	221	183
Total	1,502	1,412	378	394	5,049	5,571	1,247	1,054

Other animals slaughtered under Federal inspection, (number of head): April 1961, horses 2,883; goats 6,723; April 1960, horses 3,874; goats 4,883.

1/ Data not available for publication.

Data furnished by Agricultural Research Service.

WHOLESALE MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

LESS THAN CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

EASTERN SEABOARD - Steer carcass prices were weak to \$2.00 lower with declines of \$1.00 recorded in most instances; cow beef mainly steady to 50¢ higher; veal steady to weak at New York and Philadelphia and weak to \$3.00 lower at Baltimore, while at Washington the trend was steady to \$2.00 higher. Quotations for calf carcasses were unchanged. Old crop lamb sold steady to \$2.00 lower, except at New York prices were steady to \$1.00 higher. Spring lamb was largely steady to \$1.00 lower, the downturns recorded late at New York; pork loins steady to \$2.00 higher at most points; Boston butts steady; spareribs generally steady to \$1.00 higher; fresh skinned hams steady to \$3.00 off, most sales \$1.00 lower.

Choice and Prime kosher steer forequarters sold 50¢-\$2.50 lower, mostly \$1.00-2.00 off. Kosher lamb foresaddles were weak to \$2.00 lower; veal and calf unchanged.

Supplies of steer beef and lamb were rather liberal and fully normal volume was generally offered. Old crop and spring lamb was well represented in various markets. Pre-holiday trade for steer beef was moderately active with demand fair, particularly on Wednesday and thereafter as outlet broadened for steer beef due mainly to lower prices at retail levels. Demand was rather poor for cow beef. Small retailers were aggressive for veal and calf carcasses but volume buyers purchased very sparingly and trade was generally slow. Sales volume for lamb was below normal, particularly at New York and Washington. Pork loins were rather slow at most points while other pork cuts cleared fairly well in an active trade. Moderate volume of steer beef and lamb went unsold at Washington and New York and at the latter market small lots of pork loins were carried.

CHICAGO - Steer and heifer beef sold \$1.00-1.50 lower, veal and lamb unchanged, pork loins \$1.50-2.00 higher, Boston butts steady, spare-ribs steady to \$1.00 higher.

Normal supplies were on hand in the beef and lamb divisions, Good and Choice grades most plentiful both classes, lamb mostly weighing over 55#. Fresh pork offerings moderate while veal continued rather small.

Price trends on beef continued lower, this the eighth straight week in which declines have been recorded. Rather limited carcass activity at wholesale as bulk of beef moved in primal cuts. At the outset it was mainly a rib and loin trade but by midweek all cuts had adequate outlets. Not too much price change noted except chucks shipping early next week at \$1.50-2.00 over those for current use. Standard and Good veal under 80# sold in a fairly active trade, heavier weights along with Choice and Prime slow. Lamb trade

only moderately active at best. Lamb ribs and loins most wanted items through Wednesday, later all cuts cleared on an even basis. Risk trade for spareribs each session, while narrow early demand for pork loins and Boston butts becoming fairly broad as the week progressed.

PACIFIC COAST - Beef, calf and veal steady to \$1.00 lower except steady on cow beef, veal and calf in San Francisco. Spring lamb steady in California, but \$2.00-2.25 lower in the northwest. Pork again uneven, steady to \$1.00 lower, except loins firm to \$1.00 higher in Los Angeles.

Supplies most meats fairly liberal, demand moderate to poor, trading generally slow, demand in the northwest for most meats poorest of any week in quite some time. In-shipments of beef to California from Colorado combined with the Memorial Day holiday as major price weakening factors.

CARLOT MEAT TRADE REVIEWS

MIDWEST CARLOT DRESSED MEAT SUMMARY - Compared with the previous week's close, late sales on steer and heifer beef were 50¢ to mostly \$1.00 lower, cow beef steady, lamb steady to \$1.00 lower, pork loins \$2.00-2.50 higher, other pork products steady to \$1.00 higher, pork carcasses uneven averaging about steady. Supply of all classes was normal. Demand was rather poor on beef and lamb but moderate for other classes.

Following prices f.o.b. plant basis.

Beef: Choice 600-700# steer carcasses brought \$34.50-35.50, 700-800# \$34.00-35.00; Good 600-700# \$33.50-34.50, 700-800# \$33.00-34.00. Choice 500-700# heifer beef \$34.25-35.00, Good 32.50-34.00. Canner, Cutter and Utility cow beef sold from \$29.50-31.00.

Lamb: Choice including some Prime 45-55# old crop lamb carcasses \$32.00-35.00. Choice and Prime 45-55# spring lamb \$37.00-41.00.

Pork: 8-12# loins \$39.00-41.00; 12-14# fresh hams \$37.00-38.00, 14-16# \$35.50-37.00; 4-8# butts \$30.00-33.00, mostly \$30.00-30.50. U.S. 1, 2 and 3 135-155# pork carcasses \$23.35-24.70, 155-175# \$23.15-24.35.

Clearance was fair on beef and lamb and generally complete on other classes.

CARLOT SUMMARY - Chicago, Denver, New York and Philadelphia. Steer beef sold 50¢-\$1.00 lower at Chicago with bulk sales at other points \$1.00-1.50 off. Heifer beef was 25-50¢ lower at Chicago and \$1.00-1.50 off at Denver and Philadelphia. Cow beef sold steady to 75¢ lower, except strong to 50¢ higher at Philadelphia. Lamb closed steady to \$1.00 lower except spring lamb steady to \$1.00 higher at New York. Pork loins advanced \$1.50-2.00 at Chicago but were steady at Philadelphia.

WHOLESALE DRESSED MEAT PRICES - LESS THAN CARLOT BASIS
Weekly average of daily quotations in dollars per 100 pounds

Classification		New York		Chicago		San Francisco		Los Angeles	
		May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28	May 27	May 28
		1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960
Steer beef -									
Prime	700-800#	42.70	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Choice	600-700	40.45	47.00	37.25	44.81	39.00	45.75	37.94	45.00
	700-800	38.95	46.00	36.38	43.50	36.88	44.62	36.69	43.50
Good	500-600	37.95	43.60	36.12	42.63	39.00	44.50	37.44	43.00
	600-700	37.95	43.85	36.12	42.63	37.50	43.38	36.88	41.50
Heifer beef -									
Choice	500-600#	--	--	37.38	43.94	38.12	44.50	37.94	44.00
	600-700	--	--	37.38	43.94	--	43.00	37.00	42.75
Good	500-600	--	--	35.69	41.19	--	--	37.06	41.50
Veal -									
Prime	90-120#	59.00	59.40	58.00	56.00	--	--	--	--
Choice	90-120	49.00	50.90	51.00	51.00	--	--	--	--
Good	90-120	45.50	47.20	48.00	48.00	50.00	53.00	--	--
Spring lamb -									
Prime	45-55#	41.30	52.50	37.50*	46.50*	37.00	45.50	38.00	47.00
Choice	45-55	41.30	51.50	37.50*	46.50*	37.00	45.50	38.00	47.00
Fresh pork -									
Loins	8-12#	44.80	45.80	41.25	40.05	46.25	46.50	42.75	43.00
Butts	4-8	36.00	35.00	33.00	31.75	39.25	39.00	37.50	35.50
Spareribs	3# down	42.50	41.00	39.38	38.25	45.50	47.00	43.00	45.50
Cured pork -									
Hams, smk. skd. -(Cook before eating) 12-16#		45.00	48.50	44.50	49.50	45.50	50.00	42.62	47.50
Bacon, smoked, sliced - 1# package (box lots)		49.00	44.50	52.75	52.25	54.50	51.00	52.12	50.50
Picnics, smoked - (Cook before eating) 4-8#		34.50	29.00	34.00	33.50	34.75	32.00	34.00	32.00
Lard, 1# carton		16.00	13.50	14.75	13.25	18.00	17.00	17.25	14.75

*Old crop lamb.

BULK PRICES - CARLOT BASIS - WEEK ENDED May 26, 1961

Classification		Prices paid F.O.B.			Prices delivered	
		Chicago	Denver	Omaha	New York	Philadelphia
Steer beef -						
Choice	600-700#	35.50-36.00	34.00-34.50	34.25-35.25	37.00-37.50	37.00-37.50
	700-800	34.50-35.00	33.50-34.00	33.75-34.75	36.50-37.00	36.00-37.00
	800-900	34.00-34.50	33.00	33.25-33.75	35.50-36.00	35.00-36.00
Good	500-600	33.50-34.50	--	--	35.50-37.00	--
	600-700	33.50-34.50	31.50-33.50	33.25-34.25	35.00-37.00	35.50-36.50
	700-800	33.00-34.50	31.50-33.50	33.00-34.00	35.50-37.00	35.00-36.00
Heifer beef -						
Choice	500-600#	34.75-35.25	34.50-37.00	34.00-34.50	--	--
	600-700	34.75-35.25	33.20-34.00	34.00-34.50	--	36.50-37.00
Good	500-600	33.00-33.50	31.50-33.90	32.50-33.00	--	--
	600-700	33.00-33.50	31.50-33.90	32.50-33.00	--	--
Cow beef - All weights -						
Utility		29.50-31.00	28.25-30.25	29.50-30.00	--	31.50-32.50
Canner and Cutter		30.50-31.50	--	30.00-31.00	--	32.25-33.00
Lamb -						
Prime	35-45#	--	--	--	--	39.00-42.00*
	45-55	--	--	--	36.00-38.00	39.00-41.00*
	55-65	--	--	--	33.00-34.00	--
Choice	35-45	37.00-38.00	37.00*	--	--	39.00-42.00*
	45-55	34.00-36.00	34.50-36.50*	33.25-34.25	36.00-38.00	39.00-41.00*
	55-65	31.00-33.00	--	33.25-34.25	33.00-34.00	--
Fresh pork -						
Loins	8-12#	39.50-40.50	--	39.00-40.00	--	40.00-40.50

*Spring lamb.

BOSTON WOOL MARKET REVIEW

Trading on greasy domestic worsted wools in the Boston market was limited with demand rather poor. The recent decline in the futures market caused buyers to be more hesitant. However a good demand prevailed for medium wools at firm prices while fine and half-blood wools were 2-3¢ lower. Activity in woolen wools was restricted while trading on noils remained dull at slightly easier prices. There was a modest turnover of combing wools in the territory States while good demand for medium fleece wools continued while only limited interest was shown for fine grades. Topmakers continued active in Texas as prices showed a slightly easier tendency.

The Australian auctions offered a poor selection of mostly "B" and "C" fault wools with Eastern Europe and Japan the chief operators in a firm market. In New Zealand, Continental buyers were active in 46s-50s with Japan operating in 50s and finer qualities. The Napier market was uneven at midweek. France was the principal buyer in the Cape markets with prices weak. Buenos Aires carpet wools were slow to move with a somewhat easier tone while prices in Montevideo declined about 2¢.

Fleece Wools - Original bag medium grade fleece wools sold around \$1.01-1.02, clean basis while graded 50/54s staple fleeces sold in a range of \$1.00-1.02 and 56/58s staple and good French combing around \$1.04-1.05, clean.

Results of Pennsylvania County Pools were as follows: Somerset 32,000# 56.82¢, Blair 22,000# 56.43¢, Northumberland 27,000# 56.62¢, Lawrence 98,000# 55.62¢, Franklin 41,000# 56.38¢, Tioga 51,000# 56.78¢, Berks 40,000# 57.02¢. Tennessee Pools follow: Dickson 55.56¢ for clear wool and Columbia 56.77¢ for clear wool.

Territory Wools - Graded territory 64s good French combing and staple wool sold at \$1.18-1.20. The Yellowstone Pool of about 250,000# sold in Montana at 43.02¢ while the Columbus Pool of approximately two-thirds medium and one-third fine wool brought 51.33¢ with clean prices delivered Boston estimated at \$1.14 for fine, \$1.10 for half-blood and \$1.05 for quarter-blood. In the White Sulphur Springs area approximately 130,000# of bulk fine and half-blood brought \$1.11-1.15 clean basis delivered; the Stillwater Pool of about 450,000# bulk medium grade sold at 51.33¢; the Gallatin Pool approximately 220,000# bulk medium wools 49.68¢; the Drummond Pool 60,000# medium wools at 50¢ while around Whitehall about 130,000# bulk quarter-blood 47.88¢, Livingston area 17,000# bulk fine wool 42¢, around Helena 50,000# bulk fine and half 42¢, the Stanford area about 12,000# of fine and half 41.5¢ and in the Harlowton area approximately 33,000# of bulk fine and half-blood wool ranged from 35-40¢ grease basis depending on shrinkage.

Texas Wools - Some topmakers were buying actively in Texas ranging from \$1.20-1.25 clean basis delivered for 12 months wool while 8 months wools were purchased in a range from \$1.08-1.15 clean basis, delivered.

Mohair - Very slow with no sales confirmed.

Foreign Wools - Trade in spot foreign wools continued dull. Quotations from all foreign wool centers were easier and sales were made in the buyers' favor. Cabled reports at week's end follow with combing wools converted to clean U. S. oil-combed yields and short wools to scouring yields, in bond.

Australia		New Zealand	
Oil-combed		Oil-combed	
61 - \$1.27	422 - \$2.15	93-93¢	107 - 82¢
62 - 1.23	423 - 1.11	834-92¢	114 - 80¢
63 - 1.18	424 - 1.03	100-87¢	128 - 78¢
	425 - .98		
South Africa			
Oil-combed		Scoured yields	
7 - \$1.09	48-\$1.04	17-\$1.07	32 - \$.99
8 - 1.06	52- 1.04	22- 1.06	33 - .98
12 - 1.06	53- 1.01	23- 1.05	37 - .96
47 - 1.06		27- 1.04	38 - .93
		28- 1.03	

Montevideo Super Skirted Wools: 64s - \$1.01, 60/64s - 98¢, 60s - 95¢, 60/58s - 93¢, 58/56s - 91¢, 56/50s - 89¢, 50s - 88¢.

Carpet Wools - Spot carpet wool sales remained slow due to Mill inventories of wool and finished goods and manufacturers were working off their inventory. Greasy Buenos Aires November second clip wools sold for shipment around 77-77½¢. March wools were offered for shipment around 71¢ and fleeces at 81-82¢ clean fibers present. Greasy New Zealand "B" style second shear wools sold for shipment at 69¢ and "B" type fleeces at 76¢ clean fibers present while type 702/3 crutchings were offered at 68-69¢. Scoured white Iceland fleece wools were offered for shipment as follows: No. 3 at 78¢, No. 4 at 76¢, and scoured tinged white No. 5 at 73¢.

Woolen Wools - Trade in woolen wools was practically at a standstill.

Noils

Clear N. Z. 50/56s X-bred nobles	74¢
Clear N. Z. 50s X-bred nobles	72¢

CLOSING FUTURES QUOTATIONS - May 25, 1961 (Furnished by the Wool Assoc. of the New York Cotton Exchange)

July wool tops	- \$1.565
October wool tops	- 1.568
64s grade - 2.55" minimum length	
July wool	- \$1.160
October wool	- 1.195
64s grade - 2½" ave. stretched length	

MEAT AND MEAT FOOD PRODUCTS INSPECTED WHEN OFFERED FOR IMPORTATION
(USDA - ARS - Meat Inspection Division)
April 1961

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Country of origin	Fresh meats and edible offal			Cured meats	
	Beef and Veal	Lamb and Mutton	Pork	Beef	Pork
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	--	--	--	13,500	--
Australia	16,302,559	4,180,439	--	--	--
Brazil	--	--	--	--	--
Canada	1,207,029	850	2,531,733	9,625	424,008
Denmark	--	--	--	1,875	74
Germany	--	--	--	--	6,285
Holland	--	--	--	--	12,505
Ireland	7,571,596	--	--	--	7,480
Mexico	4,051,610	--	--	--	--
New Zealand	5,667,702	168,678	4,327	989	--
Paraguay	--	--	--	--	--
Poland	--	--	--	--	--
Uruguay	--	--	--	36,000	--
All others	2,334,644	21,630	--	6,880	9,265
Total - April 1961 ...	37,135,140	4,371,597	2,536,060	68,869	459,617
April 1960 ...	44,810,898	6,056,869	2,818,947	14,325	596,351

Refused or condemned:

April 1961 ...	399,857	39,513	--	5	21,938
April 1960 ...	106,386	19,883	--	--	--

Country of origin	Canned meats			Cooked beef	Sausage (Trichina treated)	General miscel- laneous	Total
	Beef	Pork	Miscel- laneous				
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Argentina	4,158,921	--	36,534	917,943	--	1,200	5,128,098
Australia	67,404	--	--	--	--	31,975	20,582,377
Brazil	54,000	--	--	--	--	--	54,000
Canada	15,007	132,784	1,978	--	4,414	252,648	4,580,076
Denmark	58,506	3,477,303	449,184	--	468,155	19,200	4,474,297
Germany	--	73,310	562	--	35,452	--	115,609
Holland	--	3,158,659	25,962	--	14,786	--	3,211,912
Ireland	--	--	--	--	--	--	7,579,076
Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	4,051,610
New Zealand	--	--	--	--	--	--	5,841,696
Paraguay	36,000	--	--	--	--	44,092	80,092
Poland	--	4,044,987	1,067,413	--	--	--	5,112,400
Uruguay	1,575,624	27,000	--	--	--	--	1,638,624
All others	50,937	81,686	101,738	--	40,955	7,039	2,654,774
Total - April 1961	6,016,399	10,995,729	1,683,371	917,943	563,762	356,154	65,104,641
April 1960	7,819,497	10,739,709	1,281,130	429,400	556,906	306,099	75,430,131

Refused or condemned:

April 1961	327,409	112,839	2,274	60	4,369	--	908,264
April 1960	797	11,506	6,767	--	--	--	145,339

Note: In addition to the above, imports of horse meat (in pounds) for April 1961 were as follows: Argentina 357,069, Canada 17,165. April 1960 - Mexico 37,000.

CLASSIFICATION OF LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	Number (000 omitted)			Percent				
	Apr. 1961	Mar. 1961	Jan.-Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960	Apr. 1961	Mar. 1961	Jan.-Apr. 1961	Apr. 1960
Cattle:								
Steers	856	901	3,414	796	57.0	55.4	55.1	56.4
Heifers	339	389	1,435	294	22.6	23.9	23.2	20.8
Cows	285	314	1,266	301	19.0	19.3	20.4	21.3
Bulls and Stags	21	23	82	21	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5
Total 2/.....	1,501	1,627	6,197	1,412	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Canners and Cutters 3/.....	144	153	622	130	9.6	9.4	10.0	9.2
Hogs:								
Sows	328	306	1,242	412	6.5	5.0	5.7	7.4
Barrows and Gilts	4,695	5,780	20,628	5,131	93.0	94.6	93.8	92.1
Stags and Boars	25	24	110	28	.5	.4	.5	.5
Total 2/.....	5,048	6,110	21,980	5,571	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Sheep and lambs:								
Lambs and Yearlings	1,205	1,282	4,839	1,000	96.6	97.8	97.2	94.9
Sheep	42	29	137	54	3.4	2.2	2.8	5.1
Total 2/.....	1,247	1,311	4,976	1,054	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

1/ Based on reports from packers. 2/ Totals based on rounded numbers.

3/ Included in cattle classification.

CLASSIFICATION OF BARROW AND GILT SLAUGHTER
AS REPORTED BY COOPERATING PACKERS

Month	Hogs slaughtered under Federal inspection	Barrows and Gilts reported separately	Head	Barrows	Gilts
	Number	Number	Number	Percent	Percent
Oct. 1960	5,407,000	21	983,000	53.53	46.47
Nov. 1960	5,707,000	25	1,277,000	53.46	46.54
Dec. 1960	5,753,000	28	1,221,000	53.77	46.23
Jan. 1961	5,744,000	28	1,234,000	53.20	46.80
Feb. 1961	5,078,000	28	1,419,000	52.39	47.61
Mar. 1961	6,110,000	28	1,154,000	52.90	47.10
Apr. 1961	5,049,000	27	1,085,000	51.78	48.22

PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION, BY CLASSES, OF CATTLE SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Region	Steers	Heifers	Cows	Bulls and Stags	Canners and Cutters, all classes
	April 1961	April 1960	April 1961	April 1960	April 1961
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
N. Atlantic States	75.0	74.0	1.5	1.4	22.4
S. Atlantic States	55.9	55.2	7.2	8.5	34.7
N. C. States-Eastern	57.2	61.2	14.9	10.4	25.8
N. C. States-N. Western	56.7	53.9	27.4	25.4	14.7
N. C. States-S. Western	65.3	64.7	19.4	15.9	14.7
S. Central States	37.2	42.7	15.5	17.1	45.0
Mountain States	41.0	30.1	48.5	52.9	9.7
Pacific States	68.2	68.9	11.9	15.4	17.8

UNITED STATES FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND MEAT PRODUCTION

	April		January - April		Percentage	
					of	
	1961	1960	1961	1960	Apr. 1961	Apr. 5-yr.
					1960	Apr. av.
Number slaughtered under Federal inspection: (thousands of head)						
Cattle	1,502	1,412	6,196	5,990	106	103
Calves	378	394	1,646	1,678	96	76
Hogs	5,049	5,571	21,981	24,045	91	95
Sheep & lambs	1,247	1,054	4,975	4,455	118	114
Average live weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	1,045.3	1,036.1	1,053.1	1,051.4	101	103
Calves	211.6	204.5	204.5	197.8	103	104
Hogs	240.2	238.6	237.8	234.6	101	101
Sheep & lambs	103.0	102.5	103.8	103.5	100	102
Average cost to packers: (dollars per 100 pounds)						
Cattle	21.78	24.01	22.18	22.99	91	101
Calves	24.36	24.67	24.02	24.71	99	111
Hogs	17.02	15.83	17.35	14.20	108	101
Sheep & lambs	15.71	20.27	16.61	19.81	78	77
Dressings yields: (per 100 pounds live weight)						
Cattle	58.0	57.7	57.6	57.5	--	--
Calves	55.6	57.8	56.2	57.5	--	--
Hogs 1/.....	76.8	76.8	76.6	76.6	--	--
Sheep & lambs	49.3	48.8	49.0	48.6	--	--
Lard per 100#	13.8	13.5	13.4	13.5	--	--
Lard per animal	33.1	32.2	31.9	31.8	--	--
Average dressed weight: (pounds)						
Cattle	606.3	597.8	607.1	604.5	--	--
Steers 2/.....	665.6	653.3	--	--	--	--
Heifers 2/.....	566.7	541.6	--	--	--	--
Cows 2/.....	510.9	524.9	--	--	--	--
Calves	117.6	118.2	114.9	113.8	--	--
Hogs	184.5	183.2	182.2	179.7	--	--
Sheep & lambs	50.8	50.0	50.9	50.3	--	--
Condemnations: 3/ (number of head)						
Cattle	4,691	4,313	19,016	18,446	--	--
Calves	1,463	1,677	7,754	8,781	--	--
Hogs	10,400	9,248	41,966	38,298	--	--
Sheep & lambs	6,526	5,500	21,061	17,483	--	--
Total dressed weight - Excluding condemned: (thousands of pounds)						
Beef	907,656	841,296	3,750,013	3,609,707	108	108
Veal	44,299	46,390	188,273	189,899	95	78
Pork (carcass wt.)	929,536	1,018,935	3,998,135	4,313,424	91	97
Lamb & mutton	63,033	52,430	251,982	223,272	120	117
Total 4/.....	1,944,524	1,959,052	8,188,403	8,336,300	99	102
Pork, excl. lard	700,683	773,678	3,041,325	3,269,952	91	98
Lard production 5/.....	166,682	179,103	699,870	762,246	93	92
Rendered pork fat	6,226	7,635	27,412	28,907	82	80

1/ Subtract 7.0 to obtain reported packer style average. 2/ Also included with cattle.

3/ Partly estimated. 4/ Totals based on unrounded numbers. 5/ Includes rendered pork fat.

ACTUAL FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER AND REVISED ESTIMATE OF MEAT PRODUCTION, BY WEEKS, APR. 1961

Week ended	Cattle			Calves			Hogs			Sheep and lambs			Lard		
	Av.		Num-ber	Av.		Num-ber	Av.		Num-ber	Av.		Total	Yield		
	dr.	Prod.		dr.	Prod.		dr. 1/	Prod.		dr.	Prod.		meat	per	Prod.
	wt.		wt.		wt.	1/	wt.		wt.	prod.	100#				
	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	1000	lb.	mil.lb.	mil.lb.	lb.	mil.lb.
Apr. 8	347	608	210.9	93	113	10.5	1178	137	161.7	306	51	15.6	398.7	13.9	38.7
15	367	605	221.9	96	116	11.1	1298	138	179.5	322	51	16.4	428.9	13.7	42.5
22	376	605	227.4	93	119	11.1	1272	140	178.4	299	50	15.0	431.9	13.8	42.8
29	404	601	243.0	94	121	11.4	1282	139	178.6	317	50	15.8	448.8	13.8	42.7

1/ Excludes lard.

SHIPMENTS OF STOCKER AND FEEDER CATTLE AND SHEEP APRIL 1961

Stocker and feeder cattle and calves shipped into 8 selected North Central States during April 1961 totaled 371 thousand head, up 26 percent from the 295 thousand head shipped in April last year. Of the total cattle and calves received in these 8 States during the month, 144 thousand moved through public stockyards and 227 thousand were received direct. The direct movement was 61 percent of the total this April compared with 54 percent a year earlier. Cattle and calves shipped into these States during January-April 1961 totaled 1,561 thousand head, up 25 percent from the January-April 1960 total.

April shipments of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs into these 8 North Central States amounted to more than 156 thousand head, compared with 148 thousand head during April last year--an increase of 6 percent. Of the total received during April, more than 48 thousand came through public markets and 108 thousand were received direct. A total of 581 thousand head of stocker and feeder sheep and lambs were shipped into these 8 States during January-April 1961, down 7 percent from the total for January-April 1960.

Stocker and Feeder Cattle and Sheep Received in Selected North Central States
April 1960 and 1961 1/

Cattle and Calves

State	Public stock yards		Direct		Total			
	April		April		April		Jan.-April	
	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961	1960	1961
Ohio	4,768	4,685	1,764	2,683	6,532	7,368	26,322	24,986
Indiana	7,603	6,767	17,063	14,389	24,666	21,156	85,625	73,823
Illinois	20,348	18,547	34,283	41,756	54,631	60,303	223,602	250,051
Michigan	2,225	2,209	1,849	2,433	4,074	4,642	15,111	15,484
Minnesota ...	13,155	11,230	14,081	19,935	27,236	31,165	158,205	164,057
Iowa	48,170	68,285	43,753	72,892	91,923	141,177	469,671	602,376
South Dakota:	8,671	8,043	5,764	13,268	14,435	21,311	52,513	77,958
Nebraska	31,520	24,024	39,647	59,870	71,167	83,894	220,157	352,038
Total	136,460		158,204		294,664		1,251,206	
8 States ...		143,790		227,226		371,016		1,560,773

Sheep and Lambs

Ohio	1,232	474	3,843	6,829	5,075	7,303	8,851	17,712
Indiana	2,591	1,201	4,716	2,703	7,307	3,904	12,807	6,596
Illinois	4,295	7,199	4,556	4,031	8,851	11,230	61,659	41,658
Michigan	233	273	---	468	233	741	5,234	5,449
Minnesota ...	6,899	7,226	6,837	21,465	13,736	28,691	110,683	116,365
Iowa	6,226	16,371	56,061	60,600	62,287	76,917	270,871	250,870
South Dakota:	5,937	8,339	4,695	7,359	10,632	15,698	50,846	76,769
Nebraska	15,668	7,361	24,123	4,811	39,791	12,172	106,393	65,509
Total	43,081		104,831		147,912		627,344	
8 States ...		48,390		108,266		156,656		580,928

1/ Data in this report are obtained from offices of State Veterinarians. Under "Public Stockyards" are included stockers and feeders which were bought at stockyards. Under "Direct" are included stockers and feeders from points other than public stockyards, some of which are inspected at public stockyards while stopping for feed, water, and rest en route.

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